



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Ratification

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department publishes a notice ratifying the actions of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) and the action of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration for OESE, in publishing certain documents in the *Federal Register*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department publishes in the Appendix of this notice a Ratification, dated [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], affirming and ratifying the actions of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs for OESE and the action of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration for OESE, in publishing certain documents in the *Federal Register*.

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Miguel A. Cardona,
Secretary.

Appendix - Ratification

RATIFICATION

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) previously published in the *Federal Register* the following documents:

- (1) A document entitled, "Proposed Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to State Entities (SE Grants); Grants to Charter Management Organizations for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CMO Grants); and Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)," 87 Fed. Reg. 14197, 14210 (March 14, 2022) ("Proposed Priorities") (available at: 2022-05463.pdf (govinfo.gov));
- (2) A document entitled, "Extension of the Comment Period; Proposed Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to State Entities (SE Grants); Grants to Charter Management Organizations for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CMO Grants); and Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)," 87 Fed. Reg. 21644 (April 12, 2022) ("Extension Notice") (available at: 2022-07911.pdf (govinfo.gov));
- (3) A document entitled, "Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to State Entities (State Entity Grants); Grants to Charter Management Organizations for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CMO Grants); and Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)," 87 Fed. Reg. 40406, 40428 (July 6, 2022) ("Final Priorities") (available at: 2022-14445.pdf (govinfo.gov));
- (4) A document entitled, "Application for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to State Entities (State

Entity)," 87 Fed. Reg. 40204, 40217 (July 6, 2022) ("State Entity NIA") (available at: 2022-14442.pdf (govinfo.gov)); and

- (5) A document entitled, "Applications for New Awards; Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)," 87 Fed. Reg. 40218, 40229 (July 6, 2022) ("Developer NIA") (available at: 2022-14448.pdf (govinfo.gov)).

Ruth E. Ryder, in her official capacity as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), signed the Proposed Priorities, Final Priorities, State Entity NIA, and Developer NIA. Mark Washington, in his official capacity as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, OESE, signed the Extension Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Education by law, including under section 410 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1221e-3) and sections 411, 412, and 414 of the Department of Education Organization Act (DEOA) (20 U.S.C. §§ 3471, 3472, and 3474), and being familiar with and having evaluated the foregoing Proposed Priorities, Extension Notice, Final Priorities, State Entity NIA, Developer NIA, and factual and evidentiary background, and without deference to the foregoing actions that were taken, I have independently determined that it is appropriate to affirm and ratify the foregoing actions taken by Ms. Ryder as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, OESE, and Mr. Washington, as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, OESE. I undertake this action based on my careful review and knowledge of the foregoing Proposed Priorities, Extension Notice, Final Priorities, State Entity NIA, Developer NIA, and factual and evidentiary background. Pursuant to my authority as the Secretary of Education, including under section 410 of GEPA and sections 411, 412, and 414 of the DEOA, I hereby affirm and ratify the actions of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs, OESE, and the action of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, OESE, in publishing the five aforementioned documents in the *Federal Register*.

Miguel A. Cardona,
Secretary.